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Application No.: 10/754,385
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REMARKS

Present Status of Application

Claims 1-9 remain pending in the application. The Office Action mailed November 30, 2007, rejected the claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for being indefinite. Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rojas et al. (US Patent No. 6,916,469).

Claim 1 has been amended for clarification purposes, while claims 2-5 have been cancelled. Supporting grounds can be found at least in paragraphs [0008], [0016] and [0018] of the specification. No new matter has been added to the application by the amendments made to the specification, claims and drawings. This Amendment is promptly filed to place the above-captioned case in condition for allowance.

After carefully considering the remarks set forth in this Office Action and the cited references, Applicants respectfully submitted that the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance and such reasons will be discussed hereinafter. A notice of allowance is most earnestly solicited.

Interview Summary

The telephonic interview with the Examiner was held on January 29, 2008, and the Examiner suggested specifying the concentrations of metal ions and water, in addition to the amendments proposed by the applicants.

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Discussion for the 112 rejections

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for being indefinite.

The Office Action considered the weight percentage or "food bait" in the claims being unspecified in the claims.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended by specifying the components of the food bait and concentrations of the pectin, the food bait and metal ions. Supporting grounds can be found at least in the paragraphs [0008], [0016] and [0018] of the specification.

Withdrawn of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Discussion for 35 U.S.C. 102 rejections

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rojas et al. (US Patent No. 6,916,469).

The Applicant has carefully considered the remarks set forth in the Office Action.

Claim 1 has been amended to specify the pectin in the jelly bait being low methoxyl pectin (LMP) or low methoxyl pectin-amidated (LMPA), and specify the concentrations of the pectin, the food bait and the metal ions.

The amended claim 1 recites:

1. An insecticide jelly bait for cockroaches consisting essentially of: a pectin consisting substantially of: low methoxyl pectin (LMP) or low methoxyl pectin-amidated

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(LMPA) with a weight percentage of 0.6% to 10%; a food bait selected at least from onion, milk powder, flour, sugar and meat, with a weight percentage of 0.5% to 2%; II valence metal ion selected from the group consisting of magnesium ion, calcium ion, strontium ion, and barium ion with a weight percentage of 50 ppm to 3000 ppm; an insecticide selected from the group consisting of boric acid, organic phosphate, and synthesized chrysanthemum essence; and water in an amount to jellify.

Applicants submit that amended independent claim 1 patently defines over the prior reference for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose each and every feature as claimed in the present invention.

Rojas merely discloses pectin containing both low molecular weight pectin and high molecular weight pectin, but fails to teach or suggest using pectin consisting substantially of LMP or LMPA as claimed in independent claim 1.

In the present invention, the low methoxyl pectin (LMP) or low methoxyl pectin-amidated (LMPA) used in the jelly bait results in hydrogels with high water contents, further enhancing the attraction or lure of the baits towards cockroaches.

Obviously, Rojas fails to teach or disclose all limitations as recited in the amended independent claim 1. Dependent claims of the independent claim 1 therefore are not anticipated by the reference Rojas for the reasons noted above, as well as for the additional features recited therein.

As a result, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 are respectfully requested.

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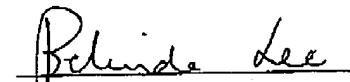
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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